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REMARKS

In view of the above amendments, favorable consideration in this application is respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 1-8 have been amended and new claims 9-12 added. Claims 1-12 remain in the application, with claims 1 and 10 being in independent form.

It is believed that no fees are due for filing this Preliminary Amendment as the amendments to the claims and additional claims added have not exceeded 20 total claims or 3 independent claims. In the event that this is in error, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any fees necessary for entry of this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

Based upon the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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